ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

President : I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the House from Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai. The motion runs thus :—

> " I wish to ask for leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the grave situation that has now arisen in Nanjinad by the failure of crops on account of the drought".

I should have expected that, after the full, clear and exhaustive statements that were made on the floor of the House by the Dewan of Travancore in which he had discussed this question to a great extent, expressing the grave anxiety of Government and also their desire to grapple with the situation as early and as effectively as may lie within their power, it may not be considered necessary by any member of the House to bring forward an adjournment motion. All the same all that the Chair has got to consider in deciding the relevancy of the motion is whether it comes within the four corners of the provisions relating to an adjournment motion. Judged from that standard, I must say that I see no reason to disallow it.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Sir, I object to the motion.

President : An objection having been taken, I shall now ascertain whether the member has the leave of the House to make the motion.

As many Honourable members as are in favour of the motion being discussed will please rise in their places.

On counting, it was found that there was not the requisite number as per the rules.

President : I have now to announce that leave has been refused.

There is yet another motion put into my hands for the adjournment of the House. It is from Mr. E. P. Varghese. It reads thus :—

> " I request that the Council be adjourned to discuss the re-classification of the Christian communities of the State contained in the General Circular of Government R. O. C No. 5445/34, dated the 30th July 1934, on which statistics have been collected for the use of the Special Officer for Public Service Recruitment and which is a matter of urgent public importance."

So far as the Chair is concerned, in deciding this question, it has at the first place to ascertain from Government whether any official communication of the nature that is referred to in this motion has been issued by Government.

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I may state for the information of the House that the Government have not issued any communique on the subject of re classification of Christians. All that has been done is that a circular confidential in nature has been issued to the Heads of Departments for collecting and sending up to Government certain information for their use. Nothing more has been done in the matter.

President: In the light of that information, it is quite evident, I suppose, that both the member who brought forward this motion and the House in general will be greatly handicapped in that any material on which the discussion will proceed will not be before the House. The Chief Secretary on behalf of Government has pointed out that a confidential circular has been issued.

Then the next point that arises out of this is whether the matter proposed to be discussed is a matter of public importance. I grant it is. But it should also be a matter of recent occurrence. In this case, the member himself points out that this supposed circular was issued on 30th July 1934. It is obvious therefore that it is not a matter of recent occurrence. For these reasons, I rule the motion out of order.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: Under rule 3 (i) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Mr. L. A. Lampard and Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar to the Panel of Chairmen for the current session of the Council.

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